MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Labour cases were accommodated and treated in a room newly constructed for the purpose.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know when the room was newly constructed for treating labour cases?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): In 1111.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know the amount spent on that?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I claim notice.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the member has inspected the room newly constructed for the purpose?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): No.

Marketing Officers.

154. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the statement contained on page 20 of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the audit and appropriation accounts of 1110 M. E. that "the duty of finding out out-side markets was also included within the scope of the Marketing Officers", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Marketing Officers there are in Travancore;

(*b*) how long it is since they were appointed;

(*c*) what are the new out-side markets that they have found out for the sale of our agricultural and other products; and

(*d*) what work they have done so far?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) There are two Marketing Officers in the State.

(*b*) One Marketing Officer has been in service now for 13 months and the other for 10 months.

(*c*) The Marketing Officers have so far been engaged on a survey of our present markets and marketing methods. New markets may be found out only after these surveys have been completed.

(*d*) The Marketing Officers have completed the marketing surveys of eggs, pineapples, tobacco, cattle, milk, wheat, linseed, groundnuts and grapes. The surveys of rice, bananas, cocoanuts, coffee, hides and skins, sheep and goats, ghee and butter, and wool and hair are in progress.

Marketing Officers in Travancore.

155. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when a Marketing Officer was appointed in Travancore;

(*b*) his salary and scale;

(*c*) the amount so far expended for his establishment, if any;

(*d*) the amount so far expended for his tours, if he has undertaken any; and

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